Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application:

1.   (currently amended) Method for automatically setting up data connections between network subscriber stations in a network of distributed stations, where the network contains at least one recording appliance ~~(12, 17)~~, a data source appliance ~~(11, 16)~~ and a data sink appliance ~~(10, 18)~~,
~~characterized by~~ <u>comprising</u> the following steps:
user-activated selection of a user interface for the recording appliance ~~(12, 17)~~ on a user interface appliance ~~(10)~~;
checking for the existing data connections which have been set up for the data sink appliance ~~(10, 18)~~ or the user interface appliance ~~(10)~~ in the network;
set-up of a connection between the data source appliance ~~(11, 16)~~ for which a connection to the data sink appliance ~~(10, 18)~~ or to the user interface appliance ~~(10)~~ has been set up and the recording appliance ~~(12, 17)~~ in order to assist in the implementation of an instant-recording function on the recording appliance ~~(12, 17)~~.

2.   (currently amended) Method according to Claim 1, ~~where~~ <u>wherein</u> the data connection between the data source appliance ~~(11, 16)~~ and the recording appliance ~~(12, 17)~~ is set up only after the recording function on the recording appliance ~~(12, 17)~~ has been activated by the user.

3.   (currently amended) Method according to Claim 1 ~~or 2, where~~ <u>, wherein</u> the user interface appliance ~~(10)~~ is a display appliance for video images, and the user interface is based on a graphical user interface.

4.   (currently amended) Method according to ~~one of the preceding claims, where~~ <u>Claim 1, wherein</u> the data sink appliance ~~(10, 18)~~ is an amplifier device for audio signals.

5.   (currently amended) Method according to ~~one of the preceding claims, where~~ Claim 1, wherein the recording appliance ~~(12, 17)~~ is a digital video recorder ~~(12)~~ or a digital audio recorder ~~(17)~~.

6.   (currently amended) Network subscriber station as a user interface appliance for carrying out the method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, having program means ~~(52)~~ for providing user interfaces for controlling network subscriber stations, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the user interface appliance ~~(10)~~ has further program means which, upon activation of the user interface for the control of a recording appliance ~~(12, 17)~~ in the network by the user, call up checking program means which trigger a check regarding the existing data connections which have been set up for a data sink appliance ~~(10, 18)~~ or the user interface appliance ~~(10)~~ itself and automatically set up a data connection between the data source appliance ~~(11, 16)~~ for which a data connection to the data sink appliance ~~(10, 18)~~ or to the user interface appliance ~~(10)~~ has been set up and the recording appliance ~~(12, 17)~~ in order to assist in the implementation of an instant-recording function on the recording appliance ~~(12, 17)~~ in the network.

7.   (currently amended) Network subscriber station according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the further program means are designed such that they set up the data connection between the data source appliance ~~(11, 16)~~ and the recording appliance ~~(12, 17)~~ in the network only after the recording function on the recording appliance ~~(12, 17)~~ has been activated by the user.

8.   (currently amended) Network subscriber station according to Claim 6 ~~or 7,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ , wherein the user interface appliance ~~(10)~~ is a display appliance for video images, and the user interface is based on a graphical user interface.

9.   (currently amended) Network subscriber station according to ~~one of Claims 6 to 8, characterized in that~~ Claim 6, wherein the data sink appliance ~~(10, 18)~~ is an amplifier device for audio signals.

10.   (currently amended) Network subscriber station according to ~~one of Claims 6 to 9, characterized in that~~ Claim 6, wherein the recording appliance ~~(12, 17)~~ is a digital video recorder or a digital audio recorder.